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Allotment of lands to Adi-Dravidas in the Ceded Districts.

469 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are taking any special steps to elevate and help the Adi-Dravidas and other depressed classes in the Ceded Districts; and

(*b*) whether the Government have allotted any lands to them and helped them with any loans or funds for improving their agriculture and cottage industries during 1920–21 and 1921–22?

A.—The answer is in the affirmative. Lands have been allotted in the last two years as detailed below:—

District.	1920–21.		1921–22.	
	Extent reserved.	Extent actually assigned.	Extent reserved.	Extent actually assigned.
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Anantapur	87,051·54	1,200·01	37,659·63	2,747·05
Bellary	18,107·45	1,290·63	7,630·50	500·24
Kurnool	44,623·00	1,595·00	7,715·00	1,315·00
Cuddapah	28,259·59	326·42	8,165·20	665·36

Sums have also been allotted for improving cottage industries during the current official year.

469 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU:—"May I know what sums have been allotted for the improvement of cottage industries?"

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU:—"I want notice of the question."

Vellala representation in the Chingleput taluk board.

470 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that Vellalas have got into the taluk board of Chingleput through election in a far larger proportion than the numerical strength of their community warrants; and

(2) whether it is true that in spite of the fact that the community has secured more than its adequate share of representation by election, members of the same community have also been nominated?

A.—Six Vellalas were returned at elections and three were nominated by the president, district board. There is no information as to the number of Vellalas living within the area of the Chingleput taluk board.

Introduction of free and compulsory education by local bodies.

471 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the local bodies in whose jurisdiction free and compulsory education has been already introduced up to date;

(*b*) the local bodies whose schemes for free and compulsory education are under the consideration of the Government; and

(*c*) the local bodies that have decided to levy the education cess under the Elementary Education Act, 1920?